



## The Fundraising Drive for the AHATA Coast Cleanup has begun

On Saturday, October 22, the Forth Annual AHATA Coastal Cleanup, conducted by the AHATA Environmental Committee will take place from 8:30 until 11:30 am. Nine beach areas, particularly those located along the north coast have been targeted for clean up by the usual six to eight hundred volunteers that take part in the event, a good portion of them from local school groups.

At this time, the organizing committee, consisting of Astrid Muller, GM of the Divi Phoenix Resort and Chairperson of the Environmental Committee and Daniel Aguirre, spokesperson and activist, were joined by Pamela Nass-Winkler of Ecotech to entreat local business and individuals to make a donation to support this effort.

Aside from the call for volunteers, there is also a need for funds for food, transportation, materials, and other incidentals that are necessary for the success of the project. Their fundraising goal is 30,000 Aruban Florins, (\$16, 666.) The areas that are targeted for cleanup are Havana Beach, Parke Arikok, the California Dunes, Wariruri/Budoei, Eagle Beach, Bachelors Beach, Saveneta Beach, Boca Yankana, and Boca Grandi. North Coast beaches provide a particular problem annually, as currents tend to bring debris in and dump it on the shore, much of this coming from large ships dumping their garbage out at sea.

A number of sponsors such as Serlimar, AGA, Balashi, Ecotech, Fudnashon Aruba Limpí, Andina Ice, Setar, Hoori, N.V., and De Palm tours have already offered support in the way of communications, materials, vehicles and personnel but much more is still needed. Volunteers and groups can sign up until October 14<sup>th</sup> by calling 582-2607 and asking for Anky Bruin. The AHATA Environmental Committee is asking for the cooperation of the entire community, including all organizations, church groups, and companies that can work as a team to rally their forces, and all individual volunteers are welcome.

For more information about how you can contribute your time, money, or materials to this worthy project contact Astrid Muller at 735-5285; Daniel Aguirre at 734-0423 or Anky Bruin at AHATA.